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Although drilling of the Koznitsa tunnel was completed some time ago, a great deal of difficulty is still being encountered because of flooding.

the tunnel is unlikely to be ready for regular traffic in less than 12 months.

Comment: this stretch of the Sub-Balkan railroad could not be used for regular traffic for some months because the railbed is very uneven and the rails so badly laid that only a light locomotive hauling a small number of cars and travelling at a speed not greater than 10 miles an hour could travel the route. on 15 June 1952, workers were shovelling ballast on the line and down the embankments at two or three points between Pirdop and the western entrance of the Koznitsa tunnel.

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